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Philosophy of Music Education

History and experience has shown the power and pervasiveness of music in every culture. Music touches us in a myriad of ways; it shapes our emotions, hardens our resolve, stimulates our intellect and creativity, moves our bodies, lifts our souls in worship, and allows us to experience beauty. I believe every student has the potential to be musical. In the challenges and hectic lifestyle that face students in the 21st century, music provides a place of retreat and focus; as well as a healthy outlet for creativity and expression. Students also learn important life skills such as discipline, listening, creativity, problem solving, self-confidence, and teamwork. My goal is to develop students into independent musicians. My students will learn the formal concepts of music and how it connects to other studies such as history and culture. They will gain the skills to perform and create music alone and with others. And finally, I want to leave my students with a love and value for music that will remain with them for the rest of their lives.